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1. A main administration for aircraft construction is currently being established under the East German Ministry for the Construction of Transportation and Agricultural Machines; it will operate under the cover name of the Main Administration for Means of Transportation (HV Transportmittel). Headquarters for the new main administration will be in the former Junkers-Werke in Dessau. Two plants are to be under the main administration: Dessau and Gotha. These plants are currently producing railroad cars and will continue to produce them for the time being, but the major part of production will be diverted to the construction of airplanes.^{1/} The chief of the Main Administration for Means of Transportation is to be the former general director of Junkers; as of [] he was still in Russia. 25X1
2. The Buero fuer Wirtschaftsfragen (BfW) is being reduced in strength and will perform in the future a function similar to that of the former Oberkommando Wehrmacht (OKW).^{2/} The nucleus remaining in the OKW will still be in uniform. All technical and planning personnel formerly with the BfW have been returned to the various ministries and main administrations as control and liaison personnel for the BfW; they are out of uniform.
3. A control department (Kontrollabteilung) has been established in the Ministry for the Construction of Transportation and Agricultural Machinery. It is to operate on a ministry-wide basis; there will not be a separate control department for each main administration. The chief of the control department is (fnu) Marx.
4. In January 1953 the production plan of the Main Administration for Ship Construction was fulfilled to 52.6 percent. There was a total of 50,000 idle man hours (Wartestunden) in various plants under the main administration in January.

1/ [] Comment. [] may be referring to the LOWA plants in Gotha and Dessau.

2/ [] Comments: The part of the BfW which remained in the Ministry of Interior after the January 1953 reshuffle was named the Amt fuer Auftragsverteilung Glinkastrasse 35, Berlin. The statement that its function will be similar to the former OKW appears doubtful.

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